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General Carl Speats Newsweek Magazine National Press Building Washington, D. C.

I understand that you are raising funds for the work of the International Rescue Committee. I should like you to know that, in my opinion, the work of this organisation contributes directly to the National interest.

I should not like to have this expression of personal opinion interpreted as an efficial view of this Agency. I would, therefore, appreciate it if you would hold this note in your personal possession and regard it as confidential. However, I have no objection to your showing it to discreet and trustworthy individuals, at your discretion, if that will in any way assist you in your work for the IRC.

Sincerely,

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WALTER B. SMITH Director

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